in global food trade from 1.5% to 3% by 2015. The policy initiatives taken up by the Ministry are for overall growth of food processing sector throughout the country and are not State-specific. However, as far as Andhra Pradesh is concerned, 135 projects have been approved in the State under various schemes of Ministry during Tenth Plan period and assistance of Rs. 33.95 crores has been released.

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has proposed a new scheme of Mega Food Parks for Eleventh Plan period which is envisaged to be a well defined agriculture/ horticultural processing zone containing state of the art processing facilities with support infrastructure and well established supply chain with the aims to provide a mechanism to bring together farmers, processors and retailers and link agricultural production to the market so as to ensure maximization of value addition, minimize wastages and improve farmer's income. The Ministry has also proposed to create infrastructure at airports, railheads, seaports, highways and consumption centres which may reduce the high logistics costs and scheme for Integrated Cold Chain Infrastructure and Strategic Distribution Centre for strengthening of the post-harvest infrastructure and filling the gaps in the supply chain, for Eleventh Plan Scheme is under consideration/consultation with Planning Commission.

Opening of an elite college in Orissa

2885. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Orissa Government proposes to open an elite college in mining, mineral and metallurgy engineering;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of help both financial and physical that is proposed to be provided by the Centre to the State to set up this Institute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) This Ministry has not received any proposal for opening an elite college in mining, mineral and metallurgy engineering from Orissa Government.